

REMARKS

I. Summary of the Office Action

The Examiner has required, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, election of a species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. At least claim 1 has been recognized as generic.

II. Election

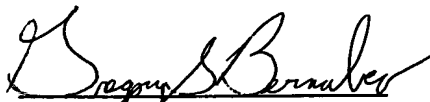
To expedite prosecution on the merits, Applicants elect Species 2 (Figures 3A-3C and 4). At least claims 1-5 and 12 read thereon, and are hereby elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue in a continuation/divisional application any claims not presently elected, and to later traverse the technical sufficiency of the restriction/election requirement.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain, the undersigned requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of an action.

Respectfully submitted,

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